# Solvable regular covering projections of graphs 

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a surjective mapping $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ s.t.
fibres $p^{-1}(v)=$ orbits of a semiregular subgroup $\mathrm{CT}_{\rho} \leq \operatorname{Aut}(\tilde{X})$


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reconstructed by voltages $\Gamma \cong \mathrm{CT}_{p}$

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## Applications

classification of particular classes of graphs and maps on surfaces, counting the number of graphs in certain families,
constructing infinite families or produce catalogues of graphs with prescribed degree of symmetry up to a certain reasonable size

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$\tilde{G}$ is a group extension of $\mathrm{CT}_{p}$ by $G$
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Reconstruction of $p^{*}: \mathcal{T} \rightarrow X$
choose a spanning tree $T_{X}$ in $X$ rooted at $u_{0}$, let $\left\{x_{1}, \ldots, x_{r}\right\} \subset A(X)$ contain exactly one arc from each edge of $E\left(X \backslash T_{X}\right)$, take $F=\left\langle a_{1}, \ldots, a_{r}\right\rangle \cong \pi\left(X, u_{0}\right)$ as a voltage group, define $\zeta^{*}: A(X) \rightarrow F$ to be trivial on $A\left(T_{X}\right)$ and $\zeta^{*}\left(x_{i}^{ \pm}\right)=a_{i}^{ \pm}$,

identify $\mathrm{CT}_{\rho_{\zeta^{*}}}$ with $F$ via id$\tilde{\mathrm{d}}_{a}(u, c)=(u, a c)$

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## The basic idea

in a solvable $F / N$ there exists a normal elementary abelian subgroup $K / N$;
if $K$ is known, $N$ can be found by considering $H \triangleleft G^{*}$ with $H \leq K$ and $K / H$ elementary abelian

## An algorithm

Computing normal subgroups with solvable factor
Input: a finitely presented group $G$, a normal subgroup $H$ of $G$ given by words in the generators of $G$ that generates $H$, an integer $n>0$
Output: the set $\mathcal{N}$ of all normal subgroups $N$ of $G$ contained in $H$ with $H / N$ solvable of order at most $n$
Set $\mathcal{N}=\{H\}$ and set Processed $=\emptyset$;
while $\mathcal{N} \backslash$ Processed $\neq \emptyset$ do
Choose $K \in \mathcal{N} \backslash$ Processed and insert $K$ in Processed;
foreach prime $p$ with $p|H: K| \leq n$ do
Let $M=K /[K, K] K^{p}$ with $f: K \rightarrow M$ the natural epimorphisms;
Turn $M$ into $\mathbb{Z}_{p}[G / K]$-module;
Find the set $\mathcal{S}$ of all maximal $\mathbb{Z}_{p}[G / N]$-submodules of $M$ whose codimension $d$ satisfies $p^{d}|H: K| \leq n$;
foreach $S \in \mathcal{S}$ do
Let $L=f^{-1}(S)$;
if $L$ is not equal to any of subgroups in $\mathcal{N}$ then Insert $L$ into $\mathcal{N}$;
return $\mathcal{N}$;

Thank you!

